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The Hundredth
ANNUAL REPORT

Town of
EASTON
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1976

Mrs. Helen J. Young, Centennial Chairman (Towne)

Town of Easton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year ending December 31, 1976

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EASTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Thomas Pancoast

TOWN CLERK
Virginia Leighton

TREASURER
Margaret Whitcomb

SELECTMEN
Glenn Kiedaisch - 1979

Durand Cooley - 1977

Dennis Ford - 1978

SUPERVISORS
Dianne Kiedaisch - 1978 (Resigned)

Fontelle A. Silver - 1978

Carol Westhaver - 1981

Linda Leighton - 1980

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Trina W. Osher

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Margaret Whitcomb - 1978

Ruth Towne - 1977

Patty Clark - 1979

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Helen Young - 1978

Wendell Silver - 1977

John Purinton - 1979

TAX COLLECTOR
Fontelle Silver

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS
John Jerome

POLICE OFFICER
Glenn Kiedaisch

AUDITOR
Susan Maltby

PLANNING BOARD
Robert Wutzdorff - 1978 (Chairman)

Jack Kenney - 1981

Russell Towne - 1977

Glenn Kiedaisch - 1980

Dean Clark - 1979

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Dean Clark - 1979

Dennis Ford - 1980

Harold Klumbach - 1977

Ion Whitcomb - 1981

John Sykes - 1978

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid:

Town's Share: $ 51.64
State Share: 344.27
and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	$400.00
Selectman	300.00
Selectman	300.00
Tax Collector	200.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
Auditor	35.00

If approved, it is understood that the selectmen and other officers will receive no fees or any other compensation for their services except the usual and necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties, except the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $209.02 to the White Mountain Regional Association.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $286.74 to the Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $115.00 to the North Country Home Health Agency and $185.00 to the White Mountain Community Services.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $159.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for Cemetery maintenance.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of $350.00 to be used for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $300.00 to the Easton Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Development of Recreation Area	$201.29

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Paine Road a Scenic Road pursuant to RSA 253:17-18.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Easton Road (so called) a scenic road from the intersection of Route 116 to the Cooley Farm/town line, pursuant to RSA 253:17-18.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 1977 appropriation. Said funds to be placed in a special conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will establish a committee to study support of a community school and report back to the Town regarding the same.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement for the disposal of solid waste, with the Towns of Franconia and Sugar Hill, and appropriate for 1977 the sum of $3,500.00 for the same.

ARTICLE 18. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as is stated in the proposal budget for repairs to the Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town buildings, Officers' salaries and expenses and other Town charges.

ARTICLE 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Glenn Kiedaisch
Durand Cooley
Dennis Ford

Logging operations at Upper Andrew Mill about 1891 on Reel Brook (above Winter Place)

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land	$55,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library and Equipment	1,500.00
Town Equipment	1,150.00
Total	$59,650.00

Mrs. Katherine Chase and Mrs. Sadie Glover (Towne)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Increases in expenses for the Town of Easton meant a substantial increase in the tax rate for 1976. The tax rate was $1.75, up from $1.25 for the previous year. This is how this year's rate compares with last year:

	1975	1976
School	$ 1.05	$ 1.44
County	.20	.25
Town	.00	.06

The largest part of the increase was for school costs. We knew when Easton voted to become a part of the Profile Regional School District that it would be more expensive than to tuition our high school students to Littleton. It was thought it would be better to have something to say about the kind of education that our children receive. Our hope now is that we can afford it.

1976 was our centennial year and we would like to thank everyone who made our celebration such a success. Special thanks to Helen Young for her tireless efforts and determination; to Ruth Towne and Chris Jerome for preparation of the town history; and to Elizabeth Buxton for the centennial banner. Thanks also to our own Durand Cooley whose parade was the highlight of the celebration and a delight to everyone. To the many other townspeople and friends whose diligent efforts and continuous support during the planning and implementation of the celebration produced such splendid results, our heartfelt thanks.

We would also like to thank the anonymous donor of the new shutters for the Town Hall. This timely gift greatly improved the appearance of the hall for the centennial.

Work has been completed on remodeling of the Town Hall kitchen. The project was done according to plans presented by petition to the Selectmen by the Kinsman Valley Club. After an expenditure of several thousand tax dollars we are sorry to report that no use has been made of the kitchen in the seven months since it was finished that would warrant such an expenditure. We hope for the sake of the townspeople and taxpayers of Easton that the kitchen will be used to better advantage in order that this money will not have been spent foolishly.

With the ever increasing cost to the Town of necessary services, the challenge of maintaining a low tax rate becomes ever more difficult. If we are to have a low tax rate we must curtail spending wherever we can. The choice is up to the voters.

Sincerely,

Glenn Kiedaisch
Dennis Ford
Durand Cooley

INVENTORY OF 1976

Land	$ 957,850.00
Buildings	1,561,850.00
Electric Power Lines	159,400.00
Mobile Homes & Trailers	18,000.00
Boats	375.00
Total Gross Valuation	$ 2,697,475.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	$ 2,697,475.00
Less Veterans' Exemptions	500.00
Property Tax	46,417.52
Residence Tax	1,090.00
Yield Tax	2,527.86
Bank Stock Taxes	.90
Total Taxes for Collection	$ 50,036.28

Presentation of Bicentennial Flag by Roger Aldrich of N. H. American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to Glenn Kiedaisch, chairman of Easton Board of Selectmen

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1977
Compared with Those 1976

	1976	1977
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,635.00	$ 1,635.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00	1,700.00
Election & Registration Expenses	350.00	400.00
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Buildings and Utilities	1,400.00	1,200.00
Insurance	900.00	1,500.00
Police & Fire Department	1,500.00	1,700.00
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Dump	200.00	3,500.00
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	4,500.00	5,000.00
TRA	51.90	51.64
Library	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare	50.00	-.-
Town Cemetery	500.00	300.00
Department of Resources	149.00	-.-
Abatements	200.00	200.00
Chamber of Commerce	286.74	286.74
Advertising & Legal Fees	200.00	200.00
White Mtns. Community Services	125.00	185.00
North Country Home Health Agency	115.00	115.00
North Country Council	145.00	159.00
Franconia Recreation Association	350.00	350.00
Easton Centennial Fund	300.00	-.-
Easton Centennial Expenses	500.00	-.-
Conservation Commission	100.00	300.00
White Mountain Regional Association	-.-	-.-
Property Assessing	250.00	250.00
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	600.00	600.00
County Tax	6,000.00	7,000.00
School Taxes	28,000.00	38,860.00
	$50,055.28	$65,647.38

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977 compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED 1976	ACTUAL 1976	ESTIMATED 1977
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	$ 1,500.00	$ 306.42	$ 300.00
Savings Bank Tax	100.00	142.45	100.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	800.00	1,065.56	900.00
Highway Subsidy	850.00	1,589.58	900.00
Business Profits Tax	15.00	15.96	15.00
Forest Reserve Fund	2,500.00	3,574.95	2,900.00
State & Federal Forest Reserve Lands	-.-	-.-	-.-
Reimbursements - Resources Div.	-.-	47.95	25.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	100.00	57.00	50.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	5.00	11.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,200.00	4,985.52	3,500.00
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	-.-	.90	.80
Resident Taxes Retained	750.00	1,030.00	950.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,500.00	2,527.86	2,000.00
Town Maps	6.00	7.50	5.00
Concord Group Insurance	-.-	5.00	-.-
Cash Surplus:	4,000.00	23,698.29	4,000.00
Total Revenue from all Sources Except Property Taxes:	$14,326.00	$39,065.94	$15,655.80

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the past year January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATED 1976	ACTUAL 1976	ESTIMATED 1976
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,635.00	$ 1,635.00	$ 1,635.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00	1,433.22	1,700.00
Election & Registration	350.00	459.20	400.00
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Buildings & Utilities	1,400.00	6,002.31	1,200.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Insurance	900.00	260.00	1,500.00
Police & Fire Department	1,500.00	2,068.04	1,700.00
Health:			
Health Officer	5.00	5.00	5.00
Town Dump	200.00	-.-	3,500.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	4,500.00	5,570.30	5,000.00
TRA	51.90	104.41	51.64
Library:	150.00	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare:	50.00	-.-	-.-
Town Cemetery:	500.00	259.58	300.00
Unclassified:			
Abatements & Refunds	200.00	77.25	200.00
Department of Resources	149.00	149.00	-.-
Chamber of Commerce	286.74	286.74	286.74
Advertising & Legal Fees	200.00	177.54	200.00
White Mtn. Comm. Services	125.00	125.00	185.00
North Country Home Health Agcy.	115.00	115.00	115.00
North Country Council	145.00	145.00	159.00
Franconia Recreation Assoc.	350.00	350.00	350.00
Easton Centennial Fund	300.00	300.00	-.-
Easton Centennial Expenses	500.00	208.23	-.-

Conservation Commission	100.00	100.00	300.00
White Mts. Reg. Assoc.	292.64	-.-	-.-
Revenue Sharing Overpayment	-.-	199.00	-.-
Principal on Temporary Loan	-.-	19,500.00	-.-
Interest on Temporary Loan	-.-	127.92	-.-
Payments of Other Governmental Divisions:			
Property Assessing	250.00	-.-	250.00
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	600.00	412.45	600.00
County Tax	6,000.00	6,607.51	7,000.00
School Taxes	28,000.00	36,578.76	38,860.00
Total Expenditures	$50,055.28	$83,406.46	$65,647.38

Whitcher Saw Mill during Parker & Young operation - 1920's

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1976	$23,698.29
Yield Taxes Uncollected	442.98
Residence Taxes Uncollected	150.00
Accounts Due Town - Uncollected Taxes	2,599.66
Capital Reserve Fund	1,412.89
Timber Tax Deposit	2,185.36
Revenue Sharing Fund	201.29
Kitchen Fund	1,116.46
Total Assets	$31,806.93

LIABILITIES

Capital Reserve Fund (to offset Assets above)	$ 1,412.89
Due Lafayette Regional School District	11,390.08
Due Profile School District	8,081.10
Timber Tax Deposit (to offset Assets above)	2,185.36
Revenue Sharing Fund(to offset Assets above)	201.29
Kitchen Fund (to offset Assets above)	1,116.46
	$24,387.18
Excess Assets	$ 7,419.75

Tax Rate:
One $100.00 valuation is $1.75

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1976

DEBITS

Taxes committed to collector:		
Property taxes	$46,417.52	
Resident taxes	1,090.00	
Yield Taxes	2,527.86	
Bank Stock taxes	.90	
Total Warrant		$50,036.28
Added taxes:		
Resident taxes		100.00
Overpayment during year:		
Account property taxes		.57
Postage		.26
Interest on property taxes		.11
Penalties collected on resident taxes		6.00
Total Debits		$50,143.22

CREDITS

Remittances to treasurer:		
Property taxes	$43,817.86	
Overpayment on property taxes	.57	
Interest on property taxes	.11	
Postage	.26	
Residence taxes	1,030.00	
Penalties on residence taxes	6.00	
Yield taxes	2,084.88	
Bank Stock taxes	.90	
		$46,940.58
Abatements made during year		
Residence taxes		10.00
Uncollected taxes--December 31, 1976		
(As per collector's list)		
Property taxes	2,599.66	
Residence taxes	150.00	
Yield taxes	442.98	
		3,192.64
Total Credits		$50,143.22

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - LEVY OF 1976

Property Taxes:		
Fernald G. Aiken, Sr.		$ 26.25
Fernald G. Aiken, Jr.		52.50
Arthur Baum		105.00
*John D. Bennett		147.00
*Margaret Best		114.63
Wendell W. Cayton		392.88
*Marie Delage		380.63
Robert G. Foley		105.88
W.K. Glover & Sons		266.88
W.K. Glover & Sons Trust		43.75
Wilfred Glover--Heirs of		382.38
Mark Rogers		276.50
Irving Laughlin		220.50
*Arthur J. Ledzian		6.13
Charlotte Mitchell		26.25
*Benjamin Talford		52.50
	Total	$2,599.66
Yield Taxes:		
Charles Hodgdon	Total	$ 442.98
Resident Taxes:		
Margaret Best		$ 10.00
*Marny Borodine		10.00
Jean Bruce		10.00
Roy Bruce		10.00
Frank Dane		10.00
*Marie Delage		10.00
William F. Draper Jr.		10.00
Maryanne Dzuback		10.00
Marilyn Glover		10.00
Patricia Highby		10.00
Matthew Hosford		10.00
David Kenney		10.00
George B. MacMillan		10.00
Marc Ruskin		10.00
Iris Talmadge		10.00
	Total	$ 150.00

*Paid after December 31, 1976

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1976, on account of tax levy of 1976, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1975

DEBITS

Uncollected taxes--As of January 1, 1976		
Property taxes	$ 1,775.01	
Resident taxes	200.00	
		$ 1,975.01
Added taxes		
Resident taxes		10.00
Interest collected on property taxes	30.58	
Penalties collected on resident taxes	15.00	
		45.58
Total Debits		$ 2,030.59

CREDITS

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year Ended December 31, 1976		
Property taxes	$ 1,775.01	
Resident taxes	160.00	
Interest collected during year	30.58	
Penalties on resident taxes	15.00	
		$ 1,980.59
Abatements made during year		50.00
Total Credits		$ 2,030.59

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1976 Auto Permits - 212	$ 4,985.52
1976 Dog Licenses - 25	57.00
Town Maps Sold - 5	7.50
Filing Fees	4.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 5,054.02

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton
Town Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

Revenue Sharing Fund

Available Funds, January 1, 1976	$ 93.42
Added Revenue	
Entitlement Payments	199.00
Interest	3.13
Total Available Funds	$ 295.55
Less Expenditures	
General Maintenance	94.26
Less Appropriations	0.00
Total Available Funds, December 31, 1976	$ 201.27

Susan Maltby
Auditor
January 30, 1977

TREASURER'S REPORT
1976

Cash Balance on Hand, January 1, 1976	$ 21,537.08
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	48,921.17
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	5,054.02
Selectmen of Easton, 2 gun permits (overpayment on one)	7.00
Concord Group Ins. Co.-refund of unused premium	5.00
State of New Hampshire:	
Bank Tax Revenue	142.45
Business Profits Tax Revenue	15.96
Highway Subsidy-5 payments total	1,589.58
Interest & Dividends Tax Revenue	306.42
Meals & Rooms Tax Revenue	1,065.56
Resources Div.-Reimbursement of ½ Warden Training	47.95
White Mt. National Forest Reserve Revenue	3,574.95
United States Treasury:	
Revenue Share	199.00
Lafayette National Bank:	
Loans to Town of Easton in anticipation of Taxes	19,500.00
Deposits on Timber Tax (Yield Tax) dep. on Town Savings Accounts-Littleton Savings Bank	2,350.00
	$104,316.14
Moneys Returned to Checking Account for expenses from Savings Accts. including Interest on closed accts.	5,138.61
	$109,454.75
Paid on Account of 163 Selectmen's Orders	85,756.46
Balance on hand in checking account January 1, 1977	$ 23,698.29
Littleton Sav. Bank Accounts Inc. Interest Jan. 1, 1977	3,503.11
Total Assets	$ 27,201.40

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
1976

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,635.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,433.22
Election & Registration	459.20
Town Hall Expenses	6,002.31
Police & Fire Protection	2,068.04
Protection of Persons & Property	260.00
Health Department	5.00
Town Road Maintenance	5,570.30
Library	150.00
Donation & Promotion	1,121.74
Blister Rust & Care of Trees	149.00
Advertising	177.54
Cemetery	259.58
Centennial	508.23
Refunds	77.25
Timber Tax Deposits	2,350.00
County Tax	6,607.51
School Tax	36,578.76
State of N.H. - TRA Payments	104.41
Bond & Debt Retirement	412.45
Dept. of U.S. Treasury - Revenue Sharing	199.00
Temporary Loan: Lafayette National Bank-Principal	19,500.00
Temporary Loan: Lafayette National Bank-Interest	127.92
	$85,756.46

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Glenn Kiedaisch, Selectman	$ 400.00
Durand Cooley, Selectman	300.00
Dennis Ford, Selectman	300.00
Fontelle Silver, Tax Collector	200.00
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	200.00
Margaret Whitcomb, Town Clerk	200.00
Susan Maltby, Auditor	35.00
	$ 1,635.00

Detail 2. TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Brown & Saltmarsh	$ 39.08
John Jerome	28.10
Robert Wutzdorff	8.70
Linda Leighton	249.94
Fontelle Silver	88.79
Glenn Kiedaisch	135.43
Virginia Leighton	263.27
Margaret Whitcomb	27.16
Durand Cooley	50.00
Dennis Ford	65.00
Barbara Fortier	.20
Harrison Publishing Co.	340.00
	$ 1,433.22

Detail 3. ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Harrison Publishing House	$ 25.00
Helene Schultze	22.00
Bernice Ford	22.00
Linda Leighton	33.00
Dianne Kiedaisch	61.60
Carol Westhaver	68.20
Fontelle Silver	13.20
Douglas Amsbary	2.20
Thelma Hubbard	33.00
Kathleen Pancoast	11.00
Margaret Whitcomb	48.00
Thomas Pancoast	120.00
	$ 459.20

Detail 4. TOWN HALL EXPENSES

New England Telephone Co.	$ 186.88
Wetherbee Oil	407.34
Public Service	152.33
John Purinton	15.00
Franconia Hardware	145.57
A.N. Farr	74.35
N.E. Glass & Aluminum	7.35
Wendell Silver	353.78
Franconia Gas Co.	45.70
Stanley Sherburn	204.00
Town Hall Kitchen Expenses	
R.S. Builders	605.75
Dean Clark	252.89
A.N. Farr	1,550.25
Douglas Amsbary	855.89
Franconia Hardware	.30
Sugar Loaf Mt. Builders	441.75
Sno-Engineering	3.60
Lee Hutchins	437.70
J.C. Plumbing & Heating	261.88
	$ 6,002.31

Detail 5. POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION

Wright Communication	$ 42.75
Franconia Hardware	6.50
Motorola, Inc.	37.40
Glenn Kiedaisch	388.82
William Presby	1,322.67
Franconia Fire Department	174.00
Durand Cooley	95.90
	$ 2,068.04

Detail 6. CENTENNIAL

Charles Casey	$ 7.00
Jere Peabody	7.00
Priscilla Hunt	7.00
Mary Ellen Gilbert	7.00
Linda Leighton	38.50
John Wood Miller	42.00
Jim Hatpinstalle	28.00
Joan McLane	35.00
Mat Finney	36.73
Centennial Committee	300.00
	$ 508.23

Detail 7. PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Franconia Insurance, Workman's Compensation	$ 66.00
Hunkins & Eaton	194.00
	$ 260.00

Detail 8. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Durand Cooley, Health Officer	$ 5.00

Detail 9. DEPARTMENT OF U.S. TREASURY

Revenue Sharing Overpayment	$ 199.00

Detail 10. TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Robert P. Peckett, III - Summer Road Maintenance	$ 1,171.95
Robert P. Peckett, III - Winter Road Maintenance	3,630.63
Tetreault Salvage	359.00
Twin Mt. Sand & Gravel	136.34
Dave Hunt	108.00
International Salt	164.38
	$ 5,570.30

Detail 11. LIBRARY	$ 150.00

Detail 12. DONATION & PROMOTION

Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce	$ 286.74
North Country Home Health Agency	115.00
White Mountain Community Services	125.00
North Country Council	145.00
Franconia Recreation Program	350.00
Easton Conservation Commission	100.00
	$ 1,121.74

Detail 13. BLISTER RUST & CARE OF TREES

N.H. Dept. of Resources & Economic Development	$ 149.00

Detail 14. ADVERTISING

Courier Printing Co.	$ 177.54

Detail 15. CEMETERY

Wendell Silver	$ 259.58

Detail 16. REFUNDS

Robert Glover	$ 3.00
Thelma Hubbard	74.25
	$ 77.25

Detail 17. PAYMENTS TO STATE & COUNTY

Treasurer, State of N.H. - T.R.A. (1975)	$ 52.51
Treasurer, State of N.H. - T.R.A. (1976)	51.90
Willard Bromage, Treasurer - Grafton County	6,607.51
Treasurer, State of N.H. - Bond & Debt Retirement	412.45
	$ 7,124.37

Detail 18. PAYMENTS TO SCHOOLS

Profile School District	$12,502.17
Lafayette School District	24,076.59
	$36,578.76

Detail 19. DEPOSITS TO SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Timber Tax	$ 2,350.00

Detail 20. TEMPORARY LOANS

Lafayette National Bank	
Principal	$19,500.00
Interest	127.92
	$19,627.92
Total	$85,756.46

EASTON'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
July 24-25, 1976

Our Centennial Celebration proved to be a delightful combination of Old Home Day, 100th Birthday and a national Bicentennial observance. Former Easton residents, friends and well-wishers as well as most of the townspeople turned out to socialize and participate in an appropriately informal celebration.

Planning for this weekend began as early as the March, 1974 Town Meeting, when voters approved an appropriation of $300.00 for Centennial Celebration costs. (The same sum was set aside in 1975 and 1976). A Centennial Committee consisting of Helen J. Young and Durand B. Cooley as co-chairmen, working with Dee Kiedaisch, treasurer, Fontelle Silver, secretary, and Joanne Miller, entertainment chairman, began to meet each month to firm up plans. At the same time, Ruth Towne and Chris Jerome, along with a number of helpful and interested citizens, were researching and beginning to write an account of the town's history. By the end of June, 1976, arrangements for most of the Centennial events had been completed, and last minute details were being ironed out. By Friday, July 23, the Town Hall with its newly-refurbished kitchen was awash with townspeople setting up exhibits and worrying about the weekend weather. In the nick of time, 300 copies of the Centennial booklet, Looking Back at Easton, arrived from Boston.

Saturday dawned humid with a threat of rain, a threat that never materialized. Elizabeth Buxton's huge quilted banner ("Easton 1876-1976") adorned the north side of the Town Hall, directly above the tent provided for outdoor entertainments. At both ends of town, on Highway 116, handsome signs proclaimed a similar message. People began arriving shortly before noon, when the Town Hall doors were opened and festivities officially commenced. Inside the hall visitors found exhibits of fancywork, antiques, preserves, Easton's Centennial quilt (work supervised by Susan Maltby), displays of turn-of-the-century artifacts, memorabilia, weaving (with Carol Westhaver at her loom), and a series of mounted photographs of the town and its people many years ago. A guest book was offered to the stream of visitors.

Shortly after 2 o'clock, a delightful parade organized by Durand Cooley arrived at the Town Hall, having been assembled at the home of Clayton and Sadie Glover. More than 30 entries, including floats, the New Chester Fyfe and Drum Corps, the Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Company, antique cars, horses, a buggy and an ox cart, fire trucks, townspeople on foot and in automobiles. All these sights and sounds filled the highway and thrilled the spectators. Shortly after the parade disbanded, a brief, formal program outside the Town Hall was featured, emceed by Town Moderator Tom Pancoast.

Frances Ann Johnson Hancock spoke of the beauty of Easton, a Bicentennial Flag was presented to Selectman Glenn Kiedaisch by Roger Aldrich of the New Hampshire American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, and several surprise presentations were made by Durand Cooley (who also presented a patriotic recitation) and Joanne Miller to Co-Chairman Helen Young on the occasion of her 83rd birthday.

A chicken barbecue, organized by the Franconia Fire Department's Women's Auxiliary, also proved a great success, with between 250 and 275 dinners served. In the evening, the Canterbury Country Orchestra entertained and lured children and older folks alike into the reels and circle dances held under the tent.

Sunday was cool and brisk, with the Town Hall again the focus of activity. Congressman James C. Cleveland dropped in to socialize, but missed the hilarious play developed by Cindy Wright, featuring the Tamarack Tennis Crew with the Kenney family--a ribald view of Easton's history. After a family picnic on the Town Hall grounds, the weekend festivities ended with two fine presentations by Caravan '76, a mobile entertainment troupe of students from UNH. One hour was devoted to a singing group, the second to Poetry and Mime, both features a hit with the audience.

Many, many people--more than we have space for here, to our regret--made Easton's 100th Birthday a fine occasion. The Selectmen were most patient with our changing plans, the townspeople were generous with funds and with time, and while the affair was financially a success, most important was its success in bringing old friends and townspeople together for a pleasant and auspicious celebration. The Centennial Committee offers its thanks to all.

Speakers' platform with participants in formal centennial ceremonies (Towne)

Sixth grade singers of Franconia School singing "America" at flag raising (Presby)

New Chester Fyfe & Drum Corps (Presby)

Salute to Bicentennial Flag by Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Co. (Presby)

Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Co. (Presby)

Easton Centennial Parade (Presby)

Easton Centennial Parade (Presby)

Part of audience at centennial program listening to address by Mrs. Frances Ann Johnson Hancock. Centennial Banner made by Elizabeth Buxton (Presby)

Presentation to Helen J. Young by Miriam Wutzdorff for Kinsman Valley Club. At right are Moderator Tom Pancoast, Mrs. Frances Ann Johnson Hancock, guest speaker, and Durand Cooley. (Miller)

Presentation of gift to Mrs. Helen J. Young by Joanne Miller and Durand Cooley (Maltby)

Comic drama of Easton History directed by Cindy Wright (Towne)

Dave & Alice Shepard and Stephanie - Centennial parade (Towne)

Weaving demonstration by Carol Westhaver

REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Your Conservation Commission has been very active this past year and has even more planned for the current year. Our budget request has increased in direct relation to the increase in our activity, as you'll see below.

At last year's Town Meeting we distributed a questionnaire soliciting your views on what the Commission should be doing. We also hand-delivered questionnaires to those who could not attend Town Meeting, and made a concerted effort, door-to-door, to retrieve completed questionnaires. The results were most encouraging and were passed along to the Selectmen as well as townspeople. Your priorities for us were: 1) Preservation of scenic and natural areas; 2) Protection and propagation of native trees and wild flowers; 3) Wetland protection; 4) Anti-pollution activity; 5) Watershed protection; 6) Conservation education; 7) Town aesthetics; 8) Development of recreation areas; 9) Other--included strategies to fight I-93 in Easton Valley, request for information on salting of winter roads and reduction of that salt.

During late spring of 1976, the Commission embarked on a project to offer red oak seedlings to residents. By midsummer, more than 50 trees had been provided, along with peat moss and fertilizer. Those who needed help with planting were assisted. Trees were provided free of charge by Dick Boulanger of Littleton, although Commission members dug and transported them to Easton. Some of these trees, along with two sugar maples and some pines, were planted at the Town Hall in summer, but a drought followed by cold and rain gave them a hard time, and several have succumbed. Commission members feel, and we hope you agree, that the Town Hall grounds need attention, and that a piecemeal approach is less satisfactory than a coordinated effort. To this end, the White Mountain Garden Club, of which Mrs. Frank Griffin is president, is willing to provide $300.00 upon presentation and approval of an acceptable plan for the project. The Commission is willing to work with the Selectmen and interested townspeople in a program to plant bulbs, shrubs, trees and other plant materials native to the area to make the Town Hall grounds more appealing. In addition, the Commission is looking into the possibility of having a landscape architect who works for the North Country Council help with the endeavor. An overall plan would be to establish a modest nature walk around the pond within the next five years, with signs describing species of plants. The Commission will present its plan to the White Mountain Garden Club before June.

In order to dress up the Town Hall for the Centennial Celebration, the Commission and the Kinsman Valley Club joined forces to provide window boxes for the Town Hall. The planters were filled with geraniums, marigolds, coleus, ageratum and petunias and added a nice touch of color all summer. Wendell Silver kindly cared for them, and they are now stored inside.

Negotiations with the Elm Research Institute in southern New Hampshire have led to an exciting new program for Easton. ERI has been working for years to save the American Elm, and now has a chemical that is said to be 99% effective in preventing the onset of Dutch Elm disease and quite effective in arresting the disease in already-affected trees. Easton is getting 100 elm seedlings from ERI, and already has 10 gallons of the chemical, called Lignasan, with which to treat existing older trees. The trees will be shipped in the spring. As with the red oak project, they will be offered to townspeople and planted at the Town Hall, with a modest fee for the inoculation equipment being absorbed by the Commission.
for other planting spots around town--particular stretches of roadway, the cemetery, etc., will be warmly received by the Commission.

Since Eastonites chose "Preservation of scenic and natural areas" as their top priority for the Commission, we have been working on designation of two roads--the Easton Road and the Paine Road--as scenic roads. Under this statute, roadways are protected to some degree from indiscriminate tree-cutting and removal of stonewalls, yet landowners can continue to do as they wish with their property. Requisite petitions have been signed, and an article in the warrant will allow the town to vote on this measure.

Two concerns, I-93 and salting, have occupied a good deal of time to date, but progress has been slow. In the case of I-93, the decision is not in our hands, but will be made by the state. It is highly likely that the state's decision will be appealed and tied up in the courts for some time. It is also highly likely that if anything less than a four-lane highway is built through the Notch, Highways 112 and 116 will be "upgraded" to carry some of the load. Our sense of the townspeople's reaction is that "upgrading" means widening and straightening of much of the road, and this will mean increased speeds and truck traffic through town, and this is not acceptable to a good many residents, particularly those who live on the road or who walk along it. The Commission may very well need support from the Planning Board and the Selectmen as well as legal advice for the Town in such a matter. In the matter of road salting, the Commission has been corresponding with the State Highway Department and has found a man in the Twin Mt. Division willing to come and talk about the matter if enough people are interested. If you would attend such a meeting, please let Commission members know.

The Commission is beginning research on the matter of solid waste disposal, feeling that the town may not be able to rely on Franconia to solve its problems indefinitely. A possible alternative might be a small recycling center, and Commission members have met with the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission for their views. Although extensive groundwork is underway, it is likely that Easton would have to have help from other communities in a joint project. At the moment, the Commission plans an educational effort for the town to show people how recycling could work and its benefits over so-called sanitary landfills.

These projects are more than a year's work, but from time to time the Commission will offer movies at the Town Hall on subjects related to conservation. We hope to see you there and learn your views. The Commission always welcomes interested people at its meetings, which are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Commission members are:

Cabot Cameron, Chm.
Marny Borodine, Sec.
Karen Wilcox, Treas.
Pat Coogan
Woody Miller
John Purinton
Jack Kenney

Sale of "Looking Back at Easton" by Chris Jerome and Ruth Towne. Exhibit of old pictures in background. Centennial quilt designed by Susan Maltby and made by townspeople (Towne)

Treasurer's Report 1976

Balance 1/1/76	$ 11.02
Deposit 3/14/76	100.00
Interest on savings (NOW account) 1976	3.11
Total Income	$114.13
Expenses 1976	-94.81
Balance of hand 12/31/76	$ 19.32

Highlights of 1976 Expenses

Dues	$32.00
Postage	9.98
Oak tree planting	10.00
Public Meeting-Easton, Nov.	8.73
Recycling Meeting-Franconia Town Hall December 1976	13.31
Reference Material	14.25
Elm tree project	1.00
Phone	3.00
Miscellaneous	2.54
Total Expenses	$94.81

December 23, 1976

Board of Selectmen
Easton, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Following, is the annual report of the Planning Board.

Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board meets on the last Monday of each month, at 7:30 p. m. at the Town Hall. These are open meetings and the board extends an invitation to attend to all interested persons.

We have had under discussion, proposed subdivisions of land requested by Mr. William Goodhue and also by Mrs. F. Carter Schaub. These are still in the preliminary stages and have not been finalized with public hearings.

We are also discussing possible future amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the adoption of Subdivision Regulations. The Board will welcome and consider all suggestions.

Very sincerely,

Robert G. Wutzdorff, Chairman
Jack Kenney, Secretary
Russell W. Towne
Dean Clark
Glenn Kiedaisch, Ex Officio
Gerald I. Coogan, Alternate

December 23, 1976

Board of Selectmen
Easton, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Following, is the annual report of the Building Inspector.

Report of the Building Inspector

A building permit was issued to W. W. and Colleen Cayton for an addition to their home on June 4th.

There were several construction projects undertaken without the benefit of obtaining a permit, as is required. These have been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

There is no charge for a building permit and it is required to apply for one before construction is started.

I want to thank those who have cooperated to keep Easton beautiful.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Wutzdorff

EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1976

There were two trips made by the Bookmobile to Easton in 1976.

There were 273 books borrowed. 128 fiction, 92 non-fiction, and 53 youth and juvenile.

We have 15 books donated to the library. A Readers Digest book, "Strange Stories Amazing Facts" was bought with the town's appropriation.

A thank you to our friends for books given.

Number of visitors	104
Number of readers	22
Books loaned:	
Adult fiction	206
Adult non-fiction	140
Juvenile fiction	69
Juvenile non-fiction	2
Total	417
Paperbacks & magazines	9
Records	8
Total Circulation	434

The library is open 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

1976 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1976	$125.62	
Town Appropriation	150.00	
Total Receipts		$275.62

EXPENDITURES

Salary of Librarian	$100.00	
Insurance	23.75	
Book Purchased:		
Readers Digest "Amazing Facts" & postage	12.53	
Total Expenditures		$136.28
Balance on hand January 1, 1977		$139.34

District School Fall 1941 - Front: Paul Bowles, Virginia Leighton, Alfred Bowles, Margaret Edney, Katherine Cooley, Shirley Harwood, Patricia Leighton; Middle: Roger Glover, George Whitcomb, Barbara Bowles, Elra Cooley, Marlene Glover, Norma Lang, Thelma Leighton, Harriet Whitcomb, Ina Leighton; Back: Miss Isabella Crawford, teacher, Stuart Bowles, Norman Bowles, Marion Bowles, Anna Darvid, Edson Bailey, David Bowles

POLICE REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 1976

Accidents:
Involving Motor Vehicles:
7 reported and processed

Robberies & Break ins:
4 reported and investigated

Speeding Violations:
1 summons to court
2 warnings

Dog Complaints:
4 reported
2 dogs struck by vehicles reported

The Easton Police Department has, in addition to the above items, been involved in assisting motorists throughout the town during winter storms. The department provided round the clock protection to the items in the Town Hall during the Centennial, as well as assistance to motorists during the Celebrations.

The Chief spent two days in Concord at Conferences for Police Officers.

To report any Police related matter, please call 823-8156 or 823-8494. Should there be no answer, you may call the Grafton County Sheriff's Department at 1-800-662-0393 (Toll Free). They will contact an officer for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn T. Kiedaisch
Police Chief

Security and traffic control were headed by Glenn Kiedaisch, Easton Police Chief and Mary Ellen Gilbert of the Franconia Police Auxiliary

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF & TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides back up personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	18	33
Town	---	---

District Fire Chief
John Q. Ricard

Forest Fire Warden
Durand B. Cooley

DETAIL OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	Balance January 1, 1976	Interest 1976	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance December 31, 1976	
Solid Waste Disposal	$2,643.92	$ 34.76	$	$ 166.85 2,511.83	$	Closed account March 23-deposited in Kitchen Fund
Kitchen Fund	2,624.24	172.38	2,511.83	4,191.99	1,116.46	Withdrawals went to checking acct.-Apr. 14&20, Aug. 18
Revenue Sharing Fund	93.42	.84		94.26		Closed acct. Mar. 23 Dep. on checking acct.
Timber Tax Fund	1,763.27	156.97	800.00 550.00 1,000.00	1,604.88 480.00	 2,185.36	Withdrawals deposited on checking acct.
Dry Hydrant Fund	670.01	15.50		685.51		Closed acct. Apr. 20 - Dep. on checking acct.
Revenue Sharing Fund (New 10/14)		2.29	199.00		201.29	
Totals	$7,794.86	$382.74	$5,060.83	$9,735.32	$3,503.11	

Interest on accounts closed and transferred to checking account	$ 51.10
Interest on savings accounts still open	331.64
Total	$382.74

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ON December 31, 1976

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance Income Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R.W. Young	$ 100.00	6-3/4	$ 15.49	$ 8.18	$ 6.00	$ 17.67
1922	Peter Kinsman and Bernsley Edwards	100.00	6-3/4	26.78	8.98	7.00	28.76
1954	Florence Pease	200.00	6-3/4	92.37	20.70	15.00	98.07
1966	Whitcomb and Tabbutt	200.00	6-3/4	43.70	17.26	12.00	48.96
1973	John W. and Carrie N. Leigher	100.00	6-3/4	11.23	7.88	6.00	13.11
1973	Russell and Iva Stevens	50.00	6-3/4	5.85	3.95	2.00	7.80
1971	Melvin H. and Idamae Bowles	100.00	6-3/4	11.88	7.92	6.00	13.80
1970	Harriet E. Bailey	100.00	6-3/4	12.31	7.95	5.00	15.26
1971	William and Alice C. Muser	100.00	6-3/4	11.35	7.89	6.00	13.24
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb	200.00	6-3/4	19.82	15.57	12.00	23.39
1947	Arthur Pease	114.00	6-3/4	41.91	11.04	8.00	44.95
1947	Charles A. Young	200.00	6-3/4	43.77	17.26	15.00	46.03
1937	Orin G. Bowles	200.00	6-3/4	151.45	24.89	25.00	151.34
1970	Leighton and Doolan	71.25	6-3/4	22.88	6.66	4.00	25.54
1974	Everett W. Bailey	100.00	6-3/4	9.94	7.79	6.00	11.73
1975	Howard Bonor	100.00	6-3/4	.26	7.10	-.-	7.36
1973	L. Gerald Paine	750.00	6-1/2	83.10	56.75	80.00	59.85
	All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care						
1945 & 1946	Town of Easton - (Capital Reserve Fund)	600.00	6-1/2	1,284.54	128.35	-.-	1,412.89
	Total	$3,385.25		$1,888.63	$366.12	$215.00	$2,039.75

All Trusts are invested at the Littleton Savings Bank

MARRIAGES -- 1976

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
August 16, 1976 Franconia, N. H.	Joel G. McKenzie Karen A. Gebe	Easton, N. H. Easton, N. H.	Stuart McKenzie Marjorie Noyes Ernest Coons Marion Scott	Rev. William Briggs Franconia, N. H. Clergyman
December 4, 1976 Franconia, N. H.	Robert R. Wutzdorff Carol L. Schoppe	Easton, N. H. Auburn, Maine	Robert G. Wutzdorff Miriam Kavanaugh William F. Schoppe Jr. Phyllis Robinson	Rev. William Briggs Franconia, N. H. Clergyman

DEATHS -- 1976

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
April 22, 1976 Franconia, N. H.	Charles R. Chase	78	M	Gen. Superintendent, U.S. Steel	Charles V. Chase	Lillian Evans

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The voters of the Town of Easton appropriated the sum of $500.00 for the care and maintenance of the Kinsman Cemetery.

The sign was painted and erected on a new post in the early spring. It was a great improvement.

Flags were placed on fourteen Veterans graves for Memorial Day. The flags this year were donated by an anonymous donor. The committee wishes to express its appreciation.

This year more stones were straightened. Due to the amount of rain the cemetery had to be mowed more often than some years.

There were a total of seventeen trust funds with John Jerome as Trustee of Trust Funds.

During the Centennial week-end several interested persons commented on how well our cemetery was being kept. This was very heart-warming.

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	$ 500.00
Paid by Cemetery Trust Funds	215.00
Paid by Town of Easton	259.58
Balance of appropriation not spent	$ 240.42

EXPENSES

Wendell Silver, Labor	$ 425.63
Wendell Silver, Gas, Oil and Equipment Maintenance	48.95
Total Expenses	$ 474.58

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Wendell W. Silver
Maryanne Dzuback
John Purinton

Graves of Mr. Nathan Kinsman and his wife Elizabeth in Kinsman Cemetery. (Towne)